# Aquatic Invasive Species Management Fort Peck Lake

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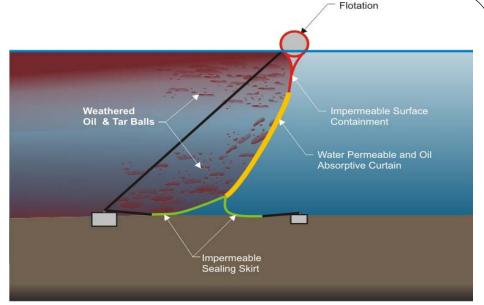
Fort Peck Project

### **Efforts To Date**

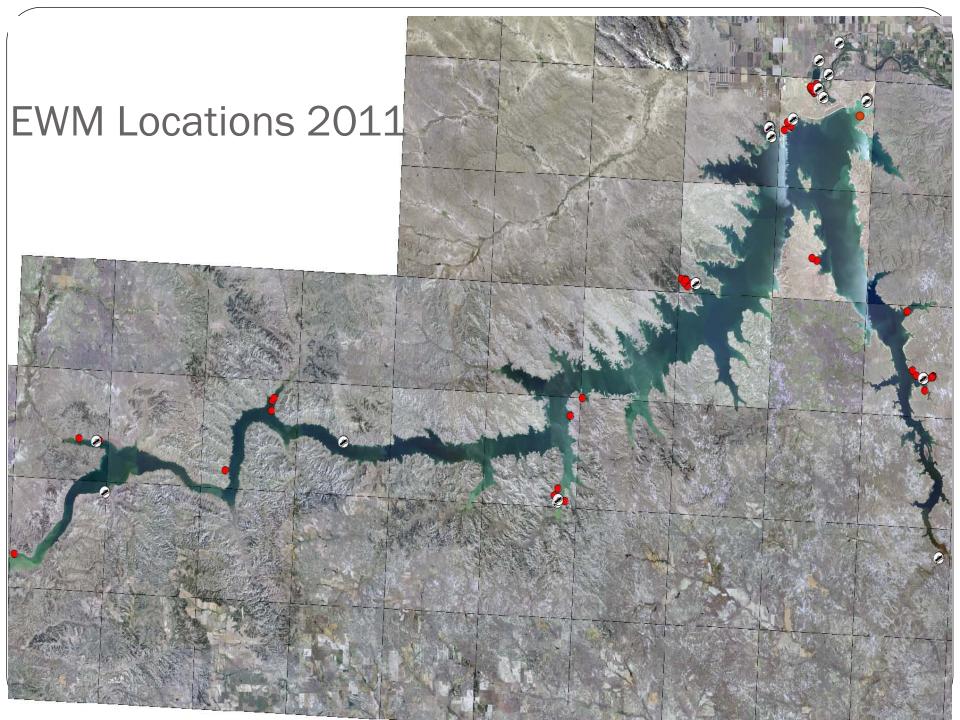
- 1. EA for Fort Peck Project Complete 2011
- 2. Funding: 2011 budget 130K, 2012 Budget unknown
- 3. AIS information on COE website so recreationalist can submit EWM locations found.
- 4. Fort Peck EWM Taskforce
- 5. Signage at all recreation facilities
- 6. Coordination with MRCDC: DNRC grant to assist with survey efforts
- 7. Purchased Turbidity Curtain
- 8. 2011 Surveys: limited due to high water
- 9. Coordinate research opportunities with ERDC-Contract

## **Turbidity Barrier**

- 15 feet depth
- 1,000 linear feet
- Fabric is impermeable
- Possibility of purchasing more



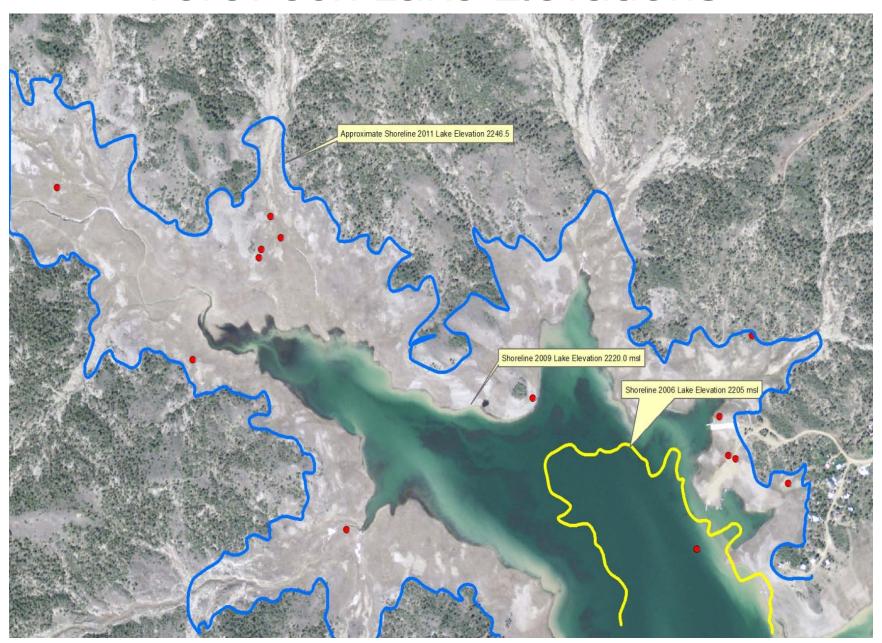




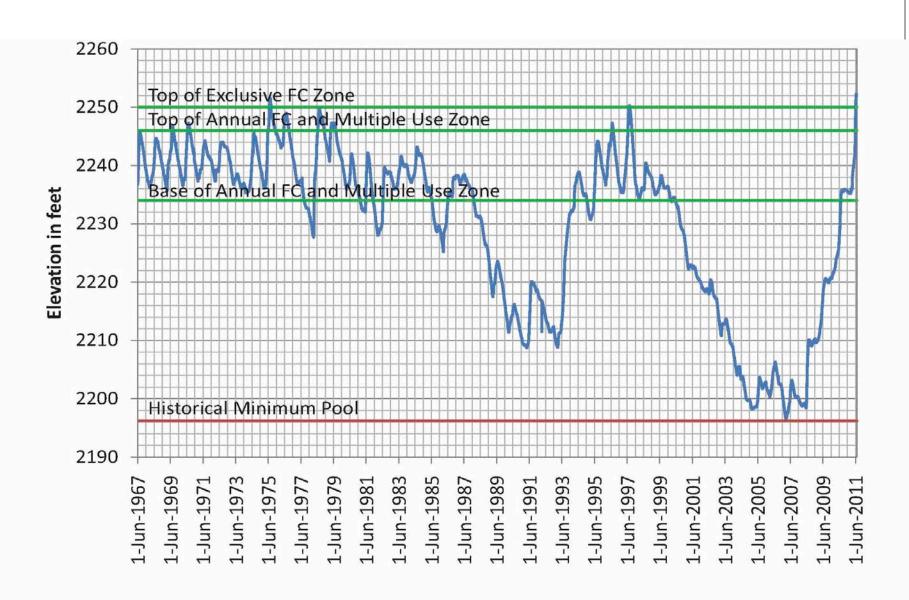
## ERDC Task 1: Analyses of Existing Background Data

- Bathymetry analysis of Fort Peck Lake
- Analysis and comparison of Imagery for Fort Peck Lake
- Comparison of historical lake elevations

## Fort Peck Lake Elevations



### Fort Peck Lake Elevations 1967-2011



#### Task 2: Evaluate Management Options

- Research best management options to control EWM in Fort Peck Reservoir and Missouri River below Fort Peck Dam.
- Evaluate the applicability of each management method at various location types (e.g., bays, open water, exposed shorelines, backwater).

## Task 3: Selection of Treatment Areas and Appropriate Control Methods

### Task 4: Management Prioritization

• Information gathered from previously described tasks will be used to prioritize specific areas for treatment. For example, boat launches and waters adjacent to water intake structures versus isolated bays.

## Task 5: Demonstration Herbicide Treatment Linked to Site-specific Water Exchange Processes

- Design and oversee a field evaluation of water exchange and herbicide dissipation on two sites in Fort Peck Reservoir.
- At least one design will incorporate the use of a barrier curtain to prevent the movement of aquatic herbicide from the treatment area. Also included: a) in situ dye measurements, b) aqueous herbicide residue collection and analyses, c) pre and post-treatment plant evaluations to determine effectiveness of treatments, and d) summary report of the trials.

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## Possible Project Needs

- Herbicide and dye for trials
- Surveying locations identified in imagery analysis for EWM presence.
- Assistance with funding contract for herbicide application trials.

## Thoughts to Ponder

- Increase coordination of survey efforts to eliminate duplication
- Survey for presence/absence first then determine population size and prioritize management efforts
- What about CLPW infestation in Trout Pond?

